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from Shri B.Mukerji, Chief Secretary to
Government, Chubneswar, Cabinet Deptt. to
Shri B.N.Kaul, PPS to P.M.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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Please write to the Orissa Government on the subject of these papers, that is, the acquisition of Janakinath Bhavan in Cuttack. I have sent a few lines to the Chief Minister, but you might write more fully. Please also find out from the Finance Ministry as to what the position is about Mr Sarat Chandra Bose's income tax.

J. Nehru

(J. Nehru)
4.9.1953

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SECRET.

Extract from the fortnightly letter No. 2 dated the 16th March, 1954, from the Governor of Orissa to the President.

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On 8th March I visited the hospital run by the Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan, Cuttack, and went round the hospital. This institution is conducted by the Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan Trust Board which is registered under Central Act XXI of 1860. The Board is desirous of establishing here a Seva Sadan after the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan at Calcutta, and I also saw Janakinath Bhavan, the building where the father of Subhas Chandra Bose lived when he was practising here as a lawyer and where Subhas Bose was born. The State Government intend acquiring Janakinath Bhavan from the owners at a cost of Rs. 75,000 and make it available to the Trust Board who propose to shift the hospital to Janakinath Bhavan.

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8th December 1953

My dear Ranganathan,

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Will you kindly refer to your letter No. 9223-WI/53 dated 5th December 1953 regarding the acquisition of Janakinath Bhawan, Oriya Bazar, Calcutta? The Orissa Government have decided to purchase this building. I enclose herewith a copy of letter No. 1619 CNB dated the 21st September 1953 from B. Mukerji. No action in this connection on your part is now necessary.

Yours sincerely,

RC M. Kaul
8/12
(B.N. KAUL)

ISSUED

On 8/12

Shri S. Ranganathan, I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply,
New Delhi.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF WORKS, PRODUCTION & SUPPLY.

D.O. No. 9223-WI/53.

New Delhi,
3rd December 1953.

My dear Kaul,

Please refer to your d.o. No. D/S.9340 dated 8.9.53, regarding the acquisition of Janakinath Bhawan, Oriya Bazar, Cuttack.

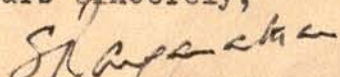
You will recollect that the offer of a part of the house as a gift to the Nation and of the remaining portion on payment to the Government was made by Shri Amiya Nath Bose to the Prime Minister in his letter dated 9.1.53. Shri Amiya Nath Bose intended to meet certain liabilities of Income-tax arrears out of the proceeds of the portion offered for sale. The proposal was referred by the Prime Minister to the Governor and Chief Minister of Orissa and Shri Bose was advised to get into touch with the Orissa Government in the matter - vide copies of correspondence sent to this Ministry by Prime Minister's Secretariat under u.o. No. D/S/1418 dated 7.2.53. We have not heard further in the matter from Shri Bose or the Governor or Chief Minister of Orissa.

An enquiry was also received in this Ministry from the Central Board of Revenue whether the Cuttack House in question could be acquired for the use of the Central Government. We have investigated the matter. The ~~representative~~ respective values of the portions offered as a gift and for sale are Rs 35,000/- and Rs 90,000/- approximately. The building has not been properly maintained and a considerable expenditure estimated at Rs 30,000/- will have to be incurred on its repairs, etc. We shall therefore have to spend about a lakh and twenty thousand, if we have to purchase this portion.

As you know, the Capital of Orissa is shifting to Bhubaneshwar and as such, Central Government's offices and residential accommodation in that State would be required to be located mainly in Bhubaneshwar. Therefore, it is not very likely that we would be in a position to put the Cuttack House to any useful purpose for our requirements. We are, however, requesting the C.B.R. to consider the possibility of utilising for the local Income-tax Office, the portion of the house offered for sale. On hearing from them I shall write to you again.

Enquiries made by the Sub Divisional Officer, C.P.W.D., Cuttack, show that the Orissa Government are considering purchasing the property themselves and for this, a provision in the budget for Rs 75,000/- is under consideration. It is not possible to say whether they would be able to do so or not. If they do, it would be unnecessary for the Central Government to pursue the matter further.

Yours sincerely,


(S. Ranganathan)

Shri B.N. Kaul,
Principal Private Secy. to the P.M.,
New Delhi.

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Shri B. Mukerji, I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA,
Cabinet Department.

D.O.No. 1619 CMB.

Bhubaneswar,
The 20th September, 1953.
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My dear Kaul,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No.D/S/9339,
dated September 8, 1953.

The State Government have decided to acquire the building called Janakinath Bhavan in Cuttack in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was born. This is now the property of Shri Amiyanath Bose, son of late Shri Sarat Chandra Bose. Shri Amiyanath Bose has offered by way of gift the portion of the building in which Netaji was born on the condition that this should be maintained as a museum to perpetuate the Netaji's memory. The State Government have decided to purchase the remaining portion of the building and the land for Rs.75,000/-, which is the valuation that the Public Works Department have made of this property. They will allow the building to be used by the Netaji Seva Sadan which is a philanthropic institution recently started and which has been running a charitable dispensary in these premises. This institution will be permitted the use of this building provided Government are satisfied that it has been properly organised and run.

Yours sincerely,

B. Mukerji
(B. Mukerji)

Shri B. N. Kaul,
Principal Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister, India,
New Delhi.



CHIEF MINISTER
ORISSA



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Bhubaneswar
15.9.53.

My dear Jawaharlalji,

I have received your
Confidential letter No 637-P.M.
of the 4th instant.

We have decided to purchase
the Janakinath Bhawan & are
going to take the vote of the
Assembly this month. Rs 75,000/-
will be paid for the property.

Yours sincerely
M. M.

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Sri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister,
N. Delhi.

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No 5123 / Ms

18/9/53

8th September, 1953.

My dear Mukerji,

For some time past, it is understood that the Orissa Government has been considering the question of acquiring Janakinath Bhavan, Oriya Bazar, Cuttack, the property of the late Shri Sarat Chandra Bose. This is the house in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was born. The proposal evidently is that the portion in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was born would be treated as some kind of national memorial and the rest of the building, which is at present being used by the Hindu Religious Endowment Board, Orissa, should be acquired by the Orissa Government. Prime Minister would like to know what is the present position about acquisition of this property and what are the conditions on which it is proposed to acquire it. I shall be obliged if you will kindly let us have a note relating to this matter, as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Jc (B.N. Kaul) 8/9

Shri B.D. Mukerji, I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Orissa,
Cuttack.

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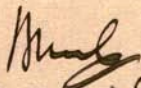
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8th September, 1953.

My dear Vellodi,

We understand that a suggestion for acquiring Janakinath Bhavan, Oriya Bazar, Cuttack, the house in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was born, has been under consideration in the Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply for some time. Prime Minister would like to know what is the present position in regard to this proposal and whether there is any likelihood that this building will be acquired for the use of Government of India offices at Cuttack.

Yours sincerely,


(B.N. Kaul) 8/9

Shri M.K. Vellodi, I.C.S.,
Secretary,
Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply,
New Delhi.

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CONFIDENTIAL

No. 637-P.M.

New Delhi,
September 4, 1953.

My dear Babakrushna,

10/23/53

I find that Aniya Nath Bose has been discussing with you the question of the acquisition of Janakinath Bhavan in Cuttack. Will you please let me know what the position is now in regard to this matter?

Yours sincerely,

Bd/- J. Nehru

Shri Babakrushna Chaudhury,
Chief Minister of Orissa,
CUTTACK.

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CHIEF MINISTER'S
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My dear Jansoff

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for the acquisition of

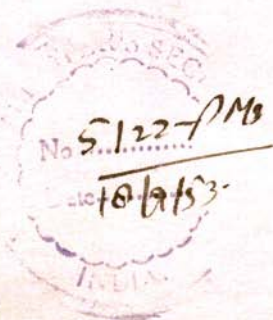
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property in Cuttack

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CHIEF SECRETARY
SECRETARIAT



N. C. Mitra

SOLICITOR TO THE
STATE OF WEST BENGAL

PHONE : { OFFICE : CITY : 3454 & 1218
RES : B. B. 1167

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5, HASTINGS STREET,
CALCUTTA-1.

The 14th August, 1953.

Dear Dr. Roy,

Re: Janakinath Bhavan at Cuttack.

Amiya (second son of the late Sarat Chandra Bose) has handed me the plan of the above premises and copies of some correspondence that passed. I am enclosing same.

As a result of your talk with Panditji the Central Public Works Department wanted to have details and valuation of the property for acquisition. Plan and details were as desired given to the Sub-Divisional Officer, Central Works Sub-Division, C.P.W.D. Cuttack and I am told that the officer has already submitted his report to the Central Government about the premises. In the meantime the State Government of Orissa has been expressing its anxiety to have the property. They have for some considerable time been doing so but up till now nothing has materialised.

In the plan the portion where Subhas Chandra Bose was born which they want to make a gift to be preserved is delineated with red pencil marks. The rest of the property which is a big one ^{is} and valuable.

It is immaterial to them whether the Central Government or the State Government of Orissa has the property.

M. C. Miller
OFFICE OF THE
STATE OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE CITY, BANGALORE
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The 14th August, 1933.

They are anxious that a suitable sum is paid to them
as soon as possible so that they can pay up the income
tax liability and some other debts etc. of the late
Sarat Chandra Bose.

Will you kindly take further interest in the
matter and see that the matter is closed as soon as
possible.

With best regards

Yours Sincerely,

Prifendra Chandra Roy

Dr. B. C. Roy.

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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

EXEM

O.O. No. 1513 / Misc.

Dated Cuttack the 24th June, 1953.

From :- Sri T.V.Venkataramani,
Assistant Engineer, C.P.W.D.,
Central Works Sub-Divn.
Cuttack-3

To

Sri A.N.Bose,
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20.

Subj:- Janakinath Bavan at Oriya Bazar, Cuttack.

Sir,

I am informed by the Additional Chief Engineer, Central P.W.D. New Delhi that the building known as Janakinath Bhawan, Oriya Bazar, Cuttack belonging to Late Shree Sarat Chandra Bose, has been offered to the Govt. to meet the Incometax liabilities and also that a wing of the building in which Netaji Subash Bose was born is proposed to be given as a gift to the nation.

I inspected the above building and learnt that the entire building known as Janakinath Bhawan excepting for the room in which Netaji Subash chandra Bose was born & 2 other rooms in which some articles are kept stored by the owners, is under the occupation of the Hindu Religious endowment board, Orissa, Cuttack and I have been asked by the above office to contact you further regarding details about the building.

I therefore request you to kindly send me a plan of the building showing the ~~portions~~ ^{portions} proposed to be given as a gift & the portions proposed to be disposed of to the Govt. If however no plan is available, it would be much appreciated if you make arrangements to actually show me the above in detail at site of the above premises so that I can arrange to prepare necessary plans & submit to my higher authorities.

In favour of a reply at your earliest convenience is requested.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

T. Venkataramani 24/6/53
Sub-Divisional Officer,
Central Works Sub-Divn. C.P.W.D.,
Cuttack-3

1. Copy to Sri Ashoke Bose, 1, Woodburn park, Calcutta 20 for information.
2. Copy to the Executive Engineer, Kharagpur Central Division, Kharagpur for information with reference to his Endt. No. 4050/R-14/P.127 dated 18.6.53 conveying A.C.E.'s memo No. WII/510-Acco. dated 10.6.53. An interim reply to the A.C.E. may please be sent accordingly.

(sd)
Sub-Divisional Officer,
Central Works Sub-Divn. C.P.W.D.,
Cuttack-3

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15 23
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20.

10th July, 1953.

Sri T. V. Venkataramani,
Assistant Engineer, C.P.W.D.
Central Works Sub-Division,
Cuttack-3.

Dear Sir,

Re: Janakinath Bhawan at Orita Bazar, Cuttack.

Please refer to your letter No. 1513/Misc of the 24th June, 1953 and my letter to you dated the 27th June, 1953.

The details of Janakinath Bhawan so far as we know are as follows:-

Khata No.	Plot No.	Area	Description
553	1234	0.550 Acre	Kotha Bari
553	1236	0.041 Acre	Bari
463	1235	0.391 Acre	Bari

I am enclosing herewith a plan of Janakinath Bhawan prepared by Sri S. N. Ray. You will notice that in this plan plot Nos. 1234 and 1235 have been included. But I do not quite know why plot No. 1236 has not been included by Sri S. N. Ray.

The portion which I have enclosed in red pencil in the plan is the portion proposed to be given as a gift to the Government of India. The portion enclosed in red pencil is a two-storeyed building. The room on the first floor in which Netaji was born I have marked with a red cross. The rest of the property as shown in the plan including land and structures together with plot No. 1236 is proposed to be disposed of to the Government.

I hope I have made the position clear. If, however, you require further information, kindly let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. Amiya Nath Bose.

(Copy)

16 23-8
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20.

July 22, 1953.

Dear Naba Krishna Babu,

When I saw you at Puri on the 12th instant, I informed you about the proposal that has been made on our behalf to the Government of India for acquisition of Janaki Nath Bhawan excepting a portion containing the room in which Netaji was born. In this connection certain steps have already been taken by the Central Public Works Department.

If however the Government of Orissa decide to purchase the entire property excluding the portion proposed to be given as a gift for Rs.75000/- it will not be necessary for the Government of India to take further steps in the matter. May I inform Pandit Nehru that the Government of Orissa have decided to purchase the entire property excluding the portion of the gift for Rs.75000/-?

You are aware that we have offered a portion of the property as a gift to the Government of India. If the Orissa Government purchase the entire property I think the deed of gift should also be made in favour of the Government of Orissa. I believe Panditji will have no objection to this being done.

It will be necessary to execute two documents:-
1) a deed of gift and 2) Conveyance in respect of the rest of the property. I have already had plans of Janaki Nath Bhawan made by Sri.S.N.Ray, Headmaster, Utkal Survey Training School, so the documents can be executed by us as soon as desired. We have to meet certain urgent liabilities without delay. We shall therefore be grateful if the whole matter could be completed within a month or two.

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I am sending you herewith a copy of the Constitution of the Sarat Bose Academy as well as one of its publications. We sincerely hope that we shall receive your support and encouragement in the work of this Academy.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd. Amiya Nath Bose.

The Hon'ble Sri Naba Krishna Chaudhuri,
Chief Minister,
Orissa,
Cuttack.

(Copy)

17 23-7
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20.

July 22, 1953.

Dear Mr. Fazl Ali,

I am enclosing herewith copies of my
letters to Sri Naba Krishna Chaudhuri and Sri Radha Nath
Rath regarding Janaki Nath Bhawan.

I do sincerely hope that the matter
will be completed soon.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd. Amiya Nath Bose.

Sri S. Fazl Ali,
Governor of Orissa,
Raj Bhavan,
Cuttack.

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Raj Bhavan
Cuttack

The 29th July, 1953.

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Dear Mr. Bose,

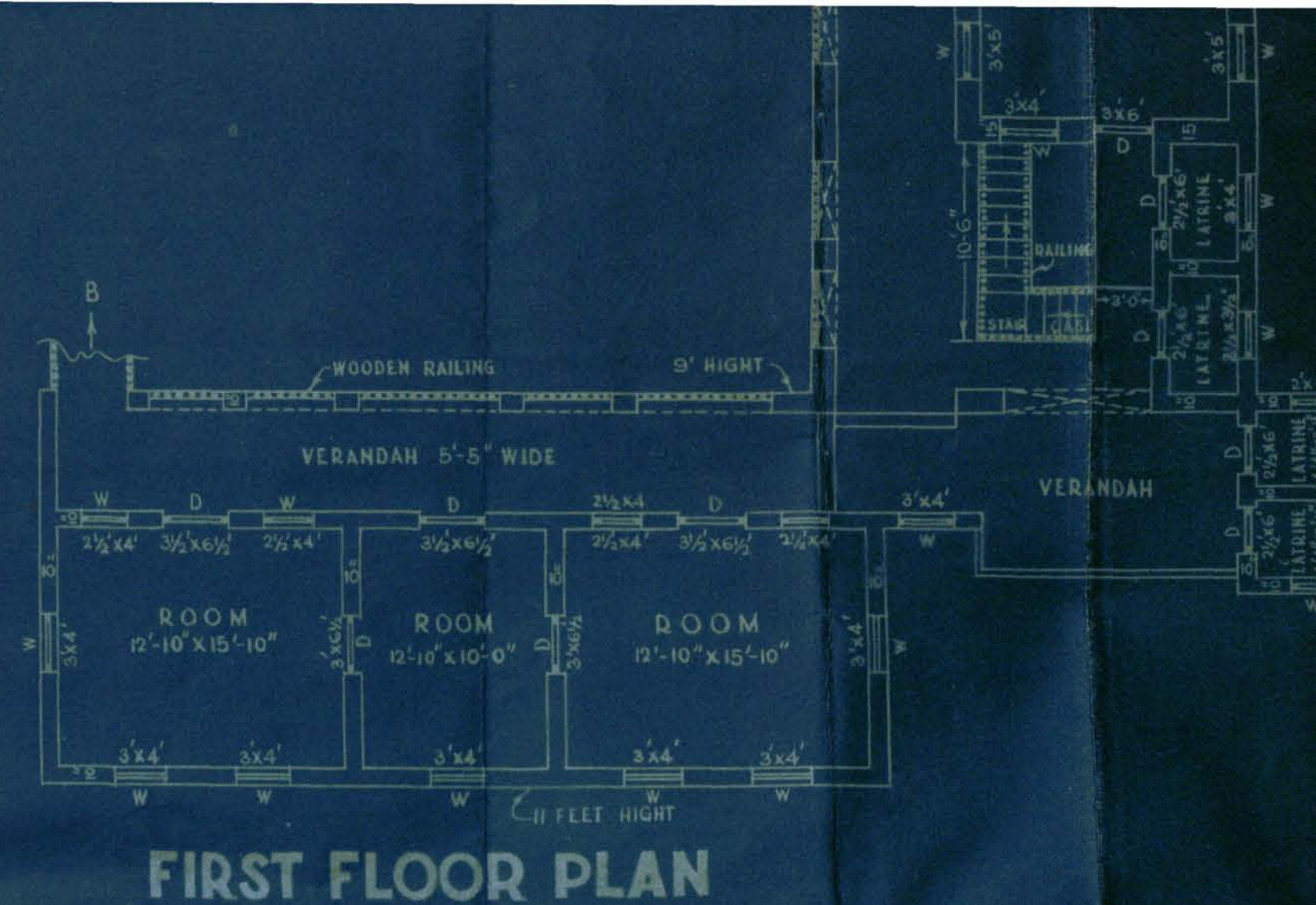
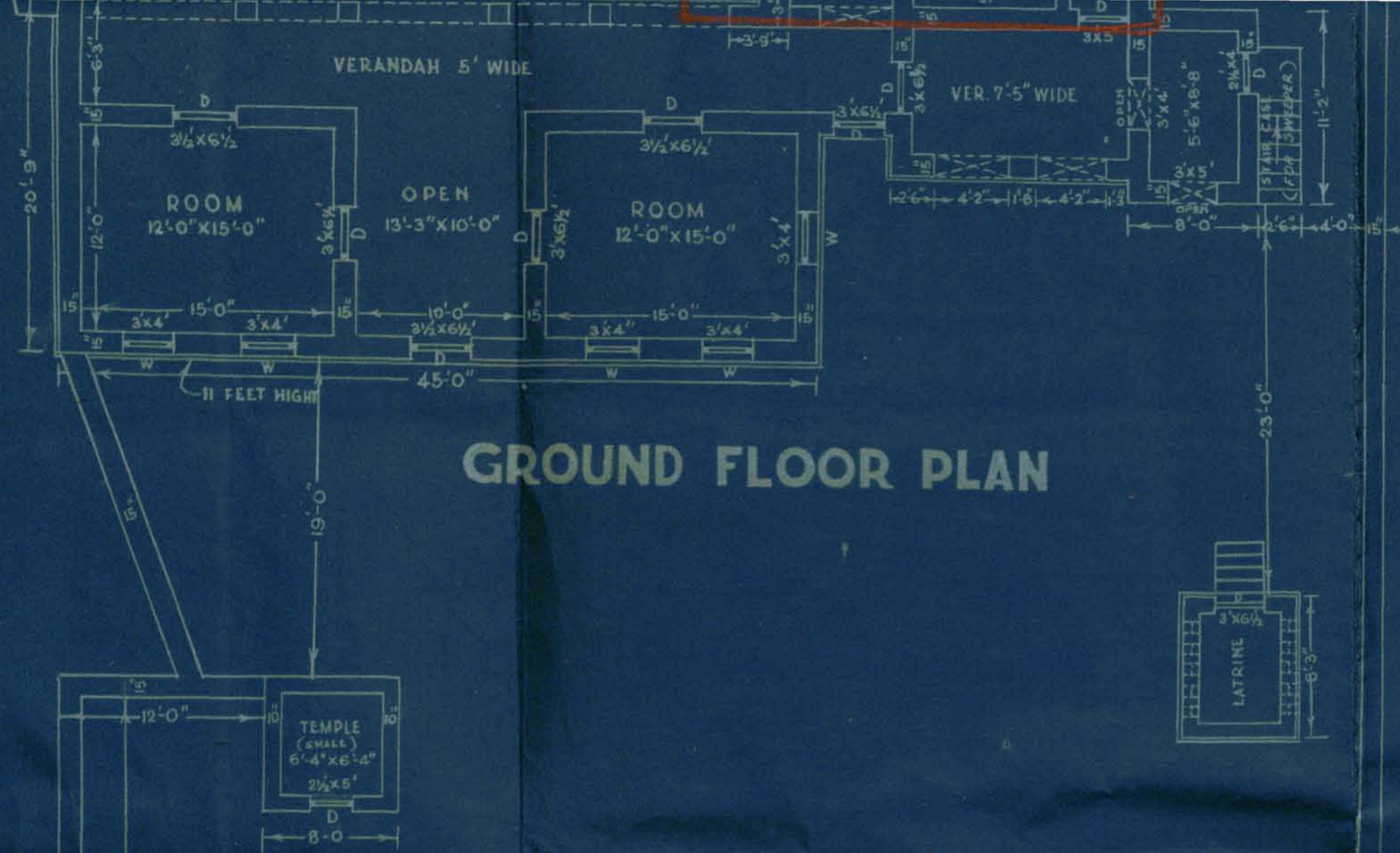
Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd July. I have made enquiries and find that the question of the acquisition of your house will soon come before the Cabinet. I shall let you know the final decision, which I hope will be a favourable one, as soon as it is arrived at.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. S. Fazal Ali.

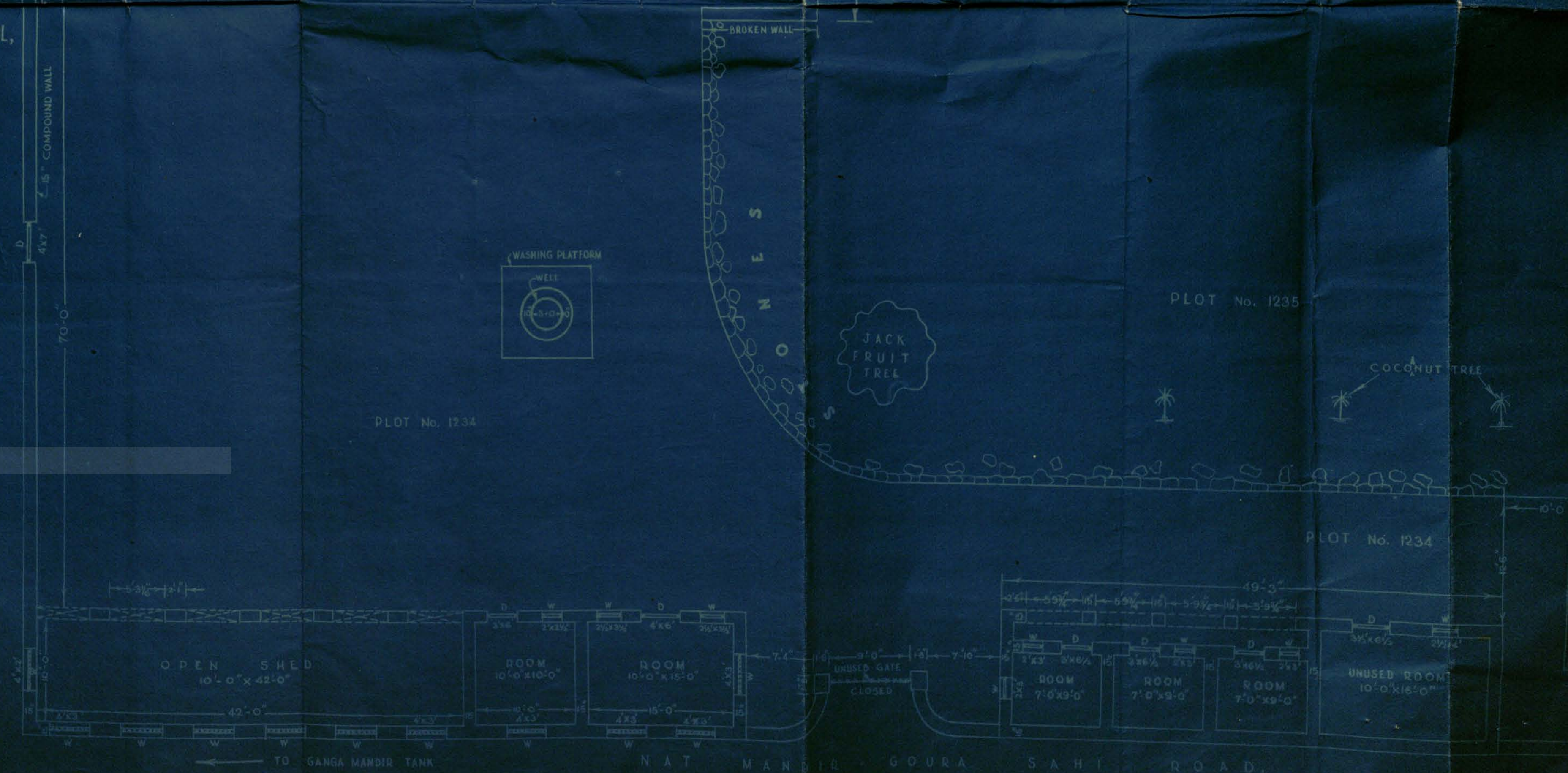
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Calcutta 20.

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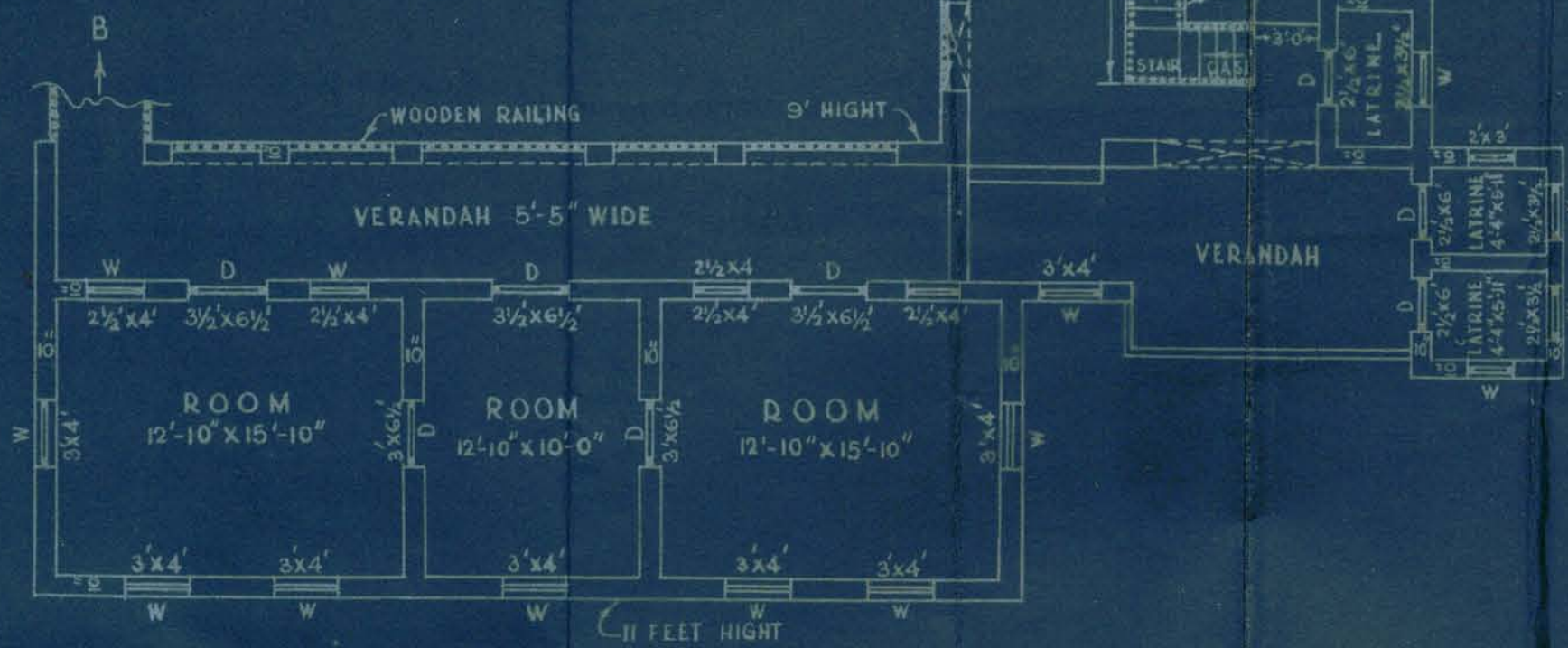
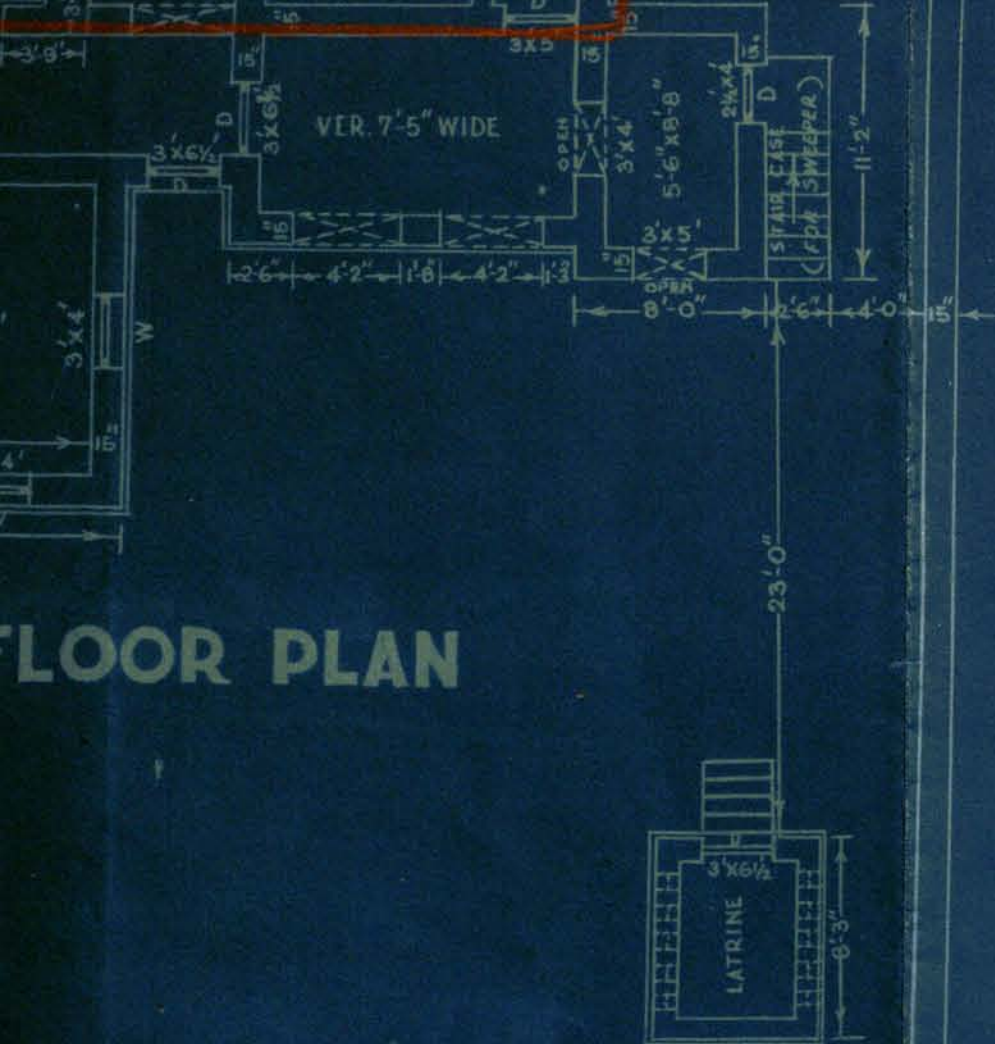


SD. S. N. RAY
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CUTTACK-I.

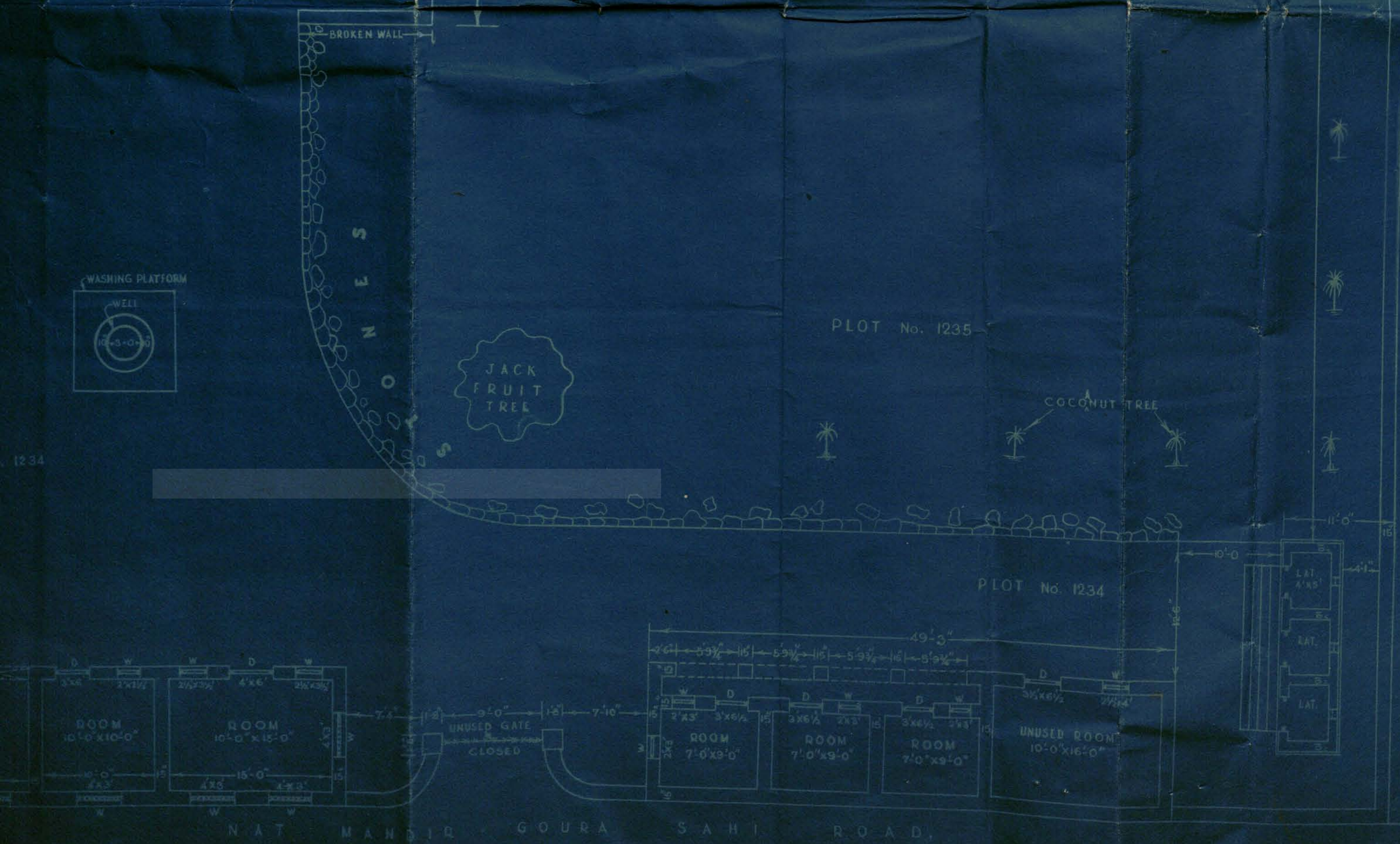
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FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



LAND OF SARAT CHANDRA DEY (ADVOCATE)

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New Delhi,
May 18, 1953.

My dear Fazl Ali,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th May.

It would be a good thing if you could put through your proposal about the house in which Subhas Bose was born and convert it into a hospital. As you perhaps know, Amiya Bose is in great difficulties about his father's arrears of income-tax, which amount to Rs.40,000/- or more.

I am not aware of any negotiations being carried on with the Government of India about this house, apart from the original letters written by Amiya Bose.

17/23
I read about your visit to Hirakud. We have to be strict about these matters of course, but I am afraid many of our people are terribly petty-minded and do not see the wood for the trees. I think that we are doing a fine job not only at Hirakud but in the Damodar Valley and Bhakra Nangal.

17/144
Do not ask me about the steel plant. It is becoming a sore point with many of us because of the repeated delays. Now we are in communication with some big firms and it is possible that something may be decided before long. I cannot say what site will be chosen, but the general inclination appears to be in favour of a site in Orissa. We shall have to wait for the opinion of the foreign experts.

Yours sincerely,

~~BB~~ J. Nehru

Shri S. Fazl Ali,
Governor of Orissa,
Raj Bhavan,
Puri.

2/659

The 15th May, 1953.

My dear Prime Minister,

I am enclosing herewith a letter sent to me by Amiya Bose in the first week of April, from which it appears that he would not object to the building which he is going to earmark for his proposed gift being used for the benefit of the hospital, provided that those who are interested in the hospital are prepared to purchase the rest of his property. Since I received this letter I have had several conversations with the Chief Minister and the Finance Minister and have asked them to seriously consider whether the Government should not purchase the property in question at the price mentioned in the letter, which, though somewhat high, is not prohibitive, and use it for the benefit of the hospital, provided that those who are interested in the hospital scheme are able to raise enough money to run the hospital properly. If they cannot raise enough money, the house and the land would remain the property of the Government and could be utilised for other purposes. In fact, a portion of the house is being used at present as the Endowment Commissioner's office and the Government is paying rent for it. I am fairly hopeful that I will be able to persuade the Orissa Government to purchase the property and give it to the hospital. I am not yet, however, certain whether those who are interested in the hospital will be able to collect sufficient money for running it. They depend on certain promises made by Dr. B.C. Roy and Dr. Mookerjee, Governor of West Bengal, and they also think that they might be able to get some help from the Government of India. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur visited the hospital when she was here and rather liked it and I am thinking of writing to her when she returns from Europe to find out whether it would be possible to receive some help from the Centre in case the Orissa Government agree to buy the Bose property and give it to the hospital. I think that a second hospital will be a great help to the Cuttack people and I also find that the general feeling here is that there should be a suitable memorial

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in the town of Subhas Bose's birth to honour his memory.

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17/23
You must have read in my last fortnightly letter to the President (dated the 5th May) a short account of my recent visit to Hirakud. The impression that I have formed is that the work is proceeding quite satisfactorily, but we must continue to keep a watch over the expenditure. It seems that any work done by the Government usually costs more than it would cost if executed by a private individual or firm, but the other side of the picture is that our men are getting experience and the very fact that a project of the dimension we have started at Hirakud can be accomplished by our engineers should be a source of great satisfaction to us.

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17/44
I would very much like to know the exact position about the proposed Steel Plant as many people come and ask me about it. I have been receiving so many different reports on the subject that I really do not know what decision has been arrived at and the Chief Minister also does not seem to have any definite information about it.

I have received a very nice letter from Adlai Stevenson in reply to my invitation to him to spend a few days in Orissa. He got my letter rather late - on arrival in Delhi - and I think that if I had written a little earlier he would have probably fitted into his programme a short visit to Orissa also.

I hope you will have an interesting and successful visit to U.K. and come back refreshed by the change and whatever little rest you might be able to enjoy while you are away.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Fazl Ali

(S. Fazl Ali)

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22/5/53
Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
NEW DELHI.

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1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta, 20.
4th April, 1953.

Dear Mr. Fazl Ali,

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Many thanks for your kind letter of the 24th March which was to hand duly.

If the entire property, excluding the portion of the gift (Block "A"), is purchased by those interested in a hospital and if the Government of India agree, the question of using portions of Block "A" for the benefit of the hospital can certainly be considered. And I feel that a satisfactory arrangement in that regard can be arrived at by all concerned. I should like to add in this connection that scientific and practical considerations and not merely sentimental reasons stand in the way of a too close mixing up of what is intended to be a national museum with free access to all and a hospital on proper lines. The price of the entire property, excluding Block "A", is Rs.75,000. The matter was referred to Shri S.M. Bose, Advocate-General, West Bengal, who is of the opinion that this is a most fair and reasonable price.

I should like to inform you that certain other proposals with regard to the property, excluding the gift, had been made on our behalf to the Government of India. Negotiations in this regard have made some progress and may mature after the Eastern holidays. Shri S.M. Bose knows all about the matter. I shall write to you again as soon as something definite has emerged.

Your reference to our late grandfather is touching. We are deeply grateful to you for your kind sentiments and your great interest in the matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Amiyanath Bose.

Shri S. Fazl Ali,
Governor of Orissa,
Raj Bhavan, Cuttack.

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24 20A
New Delhi,
March 27, 1953.

My dear Fazl Ali, 19A

Your letter of March 24th about the Bose House.

I really do not know what we can do about it.
The idea of giving a bit of a house and keeping the rest
seems odd.

I might inform you that Amiya Bose is in difficulties with the Income-Tax Department because a large sum is due as income-tax on his late father's income. This amounts to something round Rs.50,000/-. A suggestion was made that this Cuttack House or part of it should be taken over by the Income-tax people in payment of this income-tax. Our Finance Ministry has rejected this. They have said that the house can be sold and then the money paid. But they cannot accept a house or a bit of a house. Do you think if anyone is prepared to buy it?

Yours sincerely.

Sd/- J. Nehru

Shri S. Fazl Ali,
Governor of Orrisa,
Raj Bhavan,
Cuttack.

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RAJ BHAVAN
CUTTACK

24th March, 1953.

My dear Prime Minister,

Some time about the end of the last month I received a letter from Amiya Bose together with a copy of ~~the~~ letter which he had written to you on the 1st February. In order to know which part of his house he intends to make the subject of his gift, I sent him a sketch which I am enclosing herewith, and from his reply which I have since received I find that he is prepared to give away only the building marked 'A' and just enough land, which will be very little, to allow access to that building, and he wishes to retain the rest of his property. His proposal is that the building which he is giving ~~away~~ should be used as a national museum and he does not like it to be used as a hospital. The building 'A' is a two-storeyed one, with a row of rooms in each storey, and it needs considerable repairs which will cost a fair amount of money. He is prepared to sell the rest of his property (the vacant land, out-houses, etc.) if it is needed for the proposed hospital. I discussed his proposals with the Chief Minister and he was of the view that the part of the building which he is prepared to make a gift of will hardly be suitable for a national museum in its truncated form. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which I am sending to Amiya Bose and will write to you again after receiving his reply. My personal view is, and in that the Chief Minister concurs, that it will be far better to use the entire building for the hospital which is intended to be associated with the name of Subhas Bose and will be a kind of memorial to him. If, however, Amiya Bose is still not agreeable, we might consider whether it will be possible to use the building in some way as near to the use proposed by him as possible. It is generally felt here that we should have a memorial associated with the name of the great patriot, but it is rather difficult to decide how a part of the building only can be properly utilised for that purpose.

Yours sincerely,

S. Fazl Ali

(S. Fazl Ali)

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
NEW DELHI.

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The 24th March, 1953.

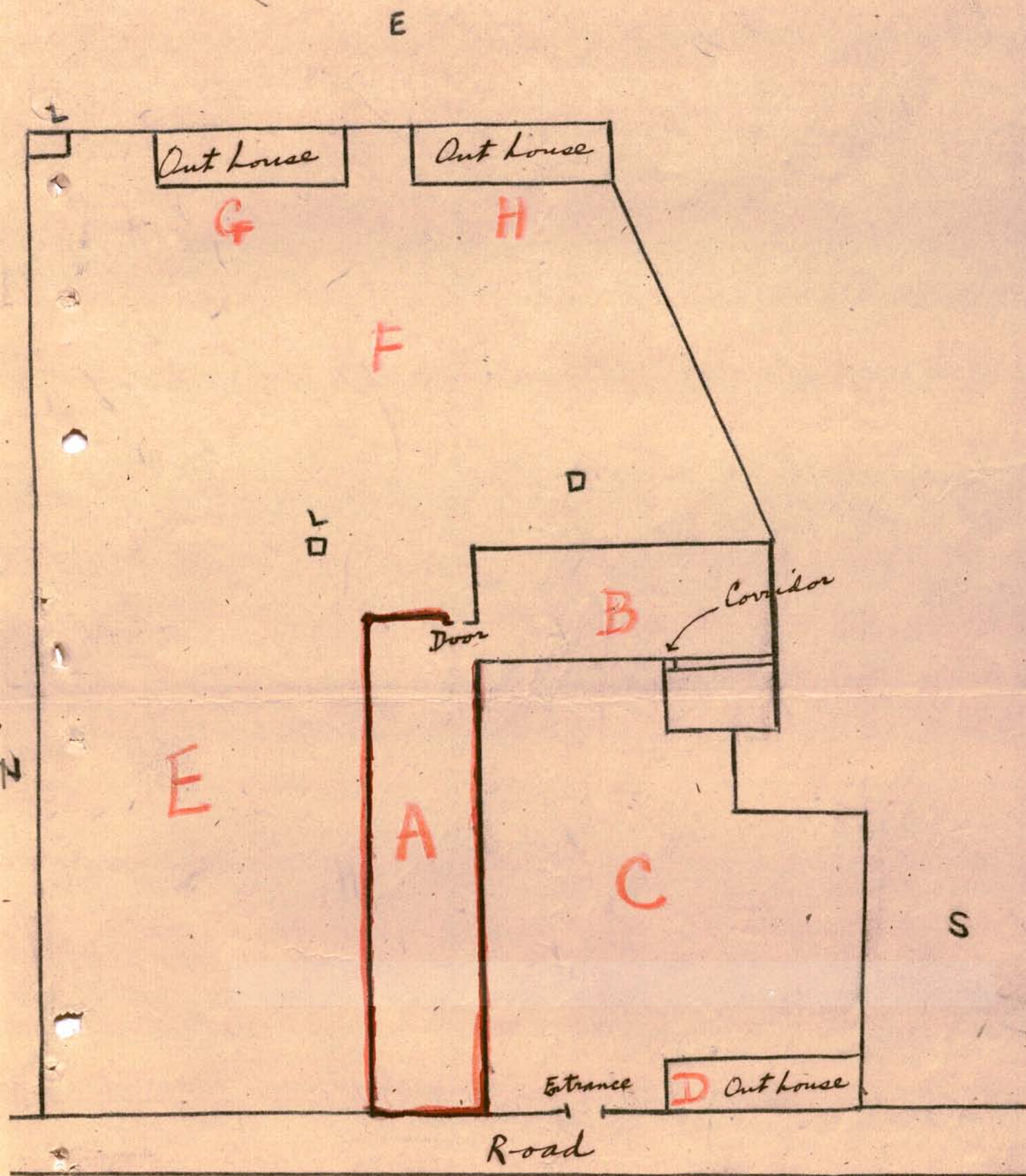
Dear Mr. Bose,

Many thanks for your letter which I am sorry I could not answer earlier as I was away on tour.

I shall be glad if you will be so good as to let me know what you consider to be the proper price ^{for} ~~of~~ your property which you wish to exclude from your proposed gift. If the price is a reasonable one, it may ~~be~~ possibly be purchased by those interested in the Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan Hospital. It seems to me that your condition, that Block 'A' of the sketch I sent to you (that is to say the building which you wish to make the subject of your gift) should be used only for a national museum and not for a hospital, may create some difficulty. The hospital is going to be associated with the name of Netaji and will be really in the nature of a memorial to him. There should be no objection therefore to the block in question being used as part of the hospital. If, however, that does not satisfy you, may I suggest that the particular room in which Netaji was born might be preserved in its present condition, subject to necessary repairs, with some of his relics and a suitable inscription, while the other rooms might be used as part of the hospital? I had the privilege of knowing your Grandfather, Rai Bahadur Janakinath Bose, very well as he used to appear in old days before me when I visited Cuttack as a Judge of the Circuit Court, and he also, when he was alive, used to honour me by welcoming me in Court in extremely kind terms on behalf of the Bar. I had the greatest veneration for him and I would myself be loathe to suggest any use of the house which might be derogatory to his memory. But knowing him as I did, I think that he would not have objected to his name or property being associated with such a benevolent purpose as that of maintaining a hospital for the relief of the poor and the sick. After hearing from you I might, if I find it necessary, ask you to come over to Cuttack for a further discussion.

Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
1, Woodburn Park, Calcutta-20.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- S. Fazl Ali.



- A ... The Wing of the house where Netaji was born (to be the subject of proposed gift)
- B ... Another wing of the same house.
- C ... Court-yard.
- D ... Outhouse.
- E ... Adjoining land
- F ... Another court-yard connected with the main building by means of a door.
- G &... Out-houses in court-yard F.
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No. 755-PSF/53
New Delhi,
March 21, 1953.

My dear Prime Minister,

Will you kindly refer to your letter dated the 16th March, 1953, to Mahavir Tyagi, regarding the case of the late Shri Sarat Chandra Bose's arrears of Income Tax?

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2. The offer made in Shri Mitra's letter is that part of the house at Cuttack belonging to the family should be purchased either by the Central Government or by the State Government to meet the Income-tax liabilities. As you know, income-tax has to be collected in cash and not in kind, and if the payer has to sell some property for meeting income-tax liabilities, he makes his own arrangements for sale. It will not, therefore, be possible for the Finance Ministry to buy this house in order to meet the liabilities.

3. It may, however, be that the Central Government require accommodation at Cuttack and this is a proposition which they may be willing to consider. If so, the relevant Ministry to consider this matter is the W.H. & S. Ministry to whom I am having the copies of the correspondence forwarded for necessary action. If the house is not required for the Central Government, the transaction will have to be between the seller and the State Government of West Bengal or Orissa whoever may be interested in purchasing the house.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- C.D. Deshmukh.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

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New Delhi,
March 16, 1953.

My dear Mahavir,

You will remember the case of Sarat Chandra Bose's arrears of income-tax. As you were dealing with this matter, I am forwarding the enclosed letter to you, which contains a novel proposal. You might pass it on to the Finance Ministry.

in original
(copy at 18 B 80)
J. Nehru

Shri Mahavir Tyagi,
Minister of Defence Organisation,
New Delhi.

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DEPUTY MINISTER
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, INDIA.
NEW DELHI.

15th March 1953.

My dear Panditji,

Ad advised, I saw Shri Mahabir Tyagi about Sarat Babu's arrears of income-tax. I was asked by him to write to Sarat Babu's sons suggesting that they should ask for time and offer to pay by instalments. I have now received the accompanying letter from Shri Nripendra Chandra Mitra, who wrote the first letter to me on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Anil K. Chanda.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

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Phone City 3454

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5, HASTINGS STREET,
CALCUTTA 13th Mar, 1953.

My dear Anilbabu,

I duly received your letter of the 2nd instant. Regarding Saratbabu's Income Tax matter, I had a talk with Amiya (Sarat-babu's second son) and told him what you had written. The liabilities of the family are heavy. Even if easy instalments are arranged for, one can not be sure if the family will, inspite of their best endeavours, be able to fulfil the arrangement in view of other passing liability that may have to be met. I had discussions and an alternative suggestion has been made, which to my mind is quite reasonable from the point of view of the Government and at the same time will be very beneficial to the family in their present financial distress. You know they have a house with grounds in Cuttack. In that house Netaji was born. Sir S.M. Bose the Advocate General of West Bengal who has considerable influence in Cuttack, was approached and he secured a buyer for the house who offered a sum higher than a lakh. When the people of Cuttack came to know of it they raised a hue and cry that they will not allow the property to be acquired by the proposed buyer. As a result of the agitation the proposed buyer backed out and no other buyer was agreeable to come forward. You are aware that the family has agreed to make a gift of the wing of the house where Netaji was born to the nation. The value of the remaining portion of the property will be about Rs. 75,000/-. That portion may be acquired by the Central Government or the State Government at an agreed compensation and the amount due for income tax may be deducted out of such compensation and the balance paid to the heirs of Saratbabu. This arrangement will solve the problems and at the same time will be a blessing to the family. The Governor of Orissa, I am told, is taking interest in the property and Amiya is in communication with him. Kindly put this proposal before Panditji and Sir Mahavir Tyagi. I am quite sure both of them will consider the proposal very sympathetically. If they do so, the matter will be easily put through. Do kindly move in the matter and see it through.

I shall write to you on other subjects tomorrow.

Hope both of you are keeping good health.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Nripendra Chandra Mitra.

Sri Anil K. Chanda.

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4th March, 1953.

My dear Sen,

Will you kindly refer to your D.O. letter No. 1717-W1/53 of date regarding Starred Question No. 1834 to be asked by Shri Sanganna in the House of the People on the 11th March, 1953?

2. There have been no developments in the matter after the issue of the Prime Minister's Secretariat U.O. No. D/S 1418 dated the 7th February, 1953. I mentioned this to Shri Chatterji, but apparently your letter had issued before I spoke to him.

Yours sincerely,

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S. P. Khanna

(S.P. Khanna)

Shri A.K. Sen,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply,
New Delhi.

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No. 1717-W1/53

MINISTRY OF
WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY.

4.3.53

My dear Khanna, 13-A

Please refer to P.H.'s Sectt
L.O. No. D/S-1418 of 7.2.53 regarding
Q. No. 1834 (starred) to be asked by Shri
Sanganna in the House of the People.
We have just been advised that the Question
has been admitted and is being put down
for answer on 11.3.53.

For submission to Ministers for
W.H.S. we have drafted an answer and
a 'Note for Supplementaries'. Copies of these
drafts are enclosed. They are based on
information supplied with P.H.'s Sectt
n.o. quoted above. Would you please
let us know, by tomorrow if possible,
whether since that n.o. was written
there has been any development in the matter,
because if so we shall have to revise the

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draft accordingly.

Shri N.B. Chatterji spoke
to you today about this and you
were good enough to promise
immediate action in this matter.

Thanking you.

Your sincere
O.K. Sin

Sh. S. P. Khanna,

Asst. Private Secy to Prime Minister,
P.M.'s Secy.



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QUESTION FOR THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE.

Starred D.No . 1834.

Notice was received on the 24.1.53.

Notice of admission to be sent on 6.2.53.

Ministry to which the day has
been allotted Works, Housing & Supply.

The question will, if admitted, be
put down for the meeting on the 12.2.53.

QUESTION

ANSWER.

Shri Sanganna: Will the
Minister of Works, Housing
and Supply be pleased to
state:

(a) Whether any proposal to
gift away Netaji's Birth
Place Building at Cuttack
(Orissa) to the Government
of India has been received;

(a) Yes.

(b) if the answer to part
(a) above be in the affirma-
tive, whether the proposal
has been accepted; and

(b) The proposal is
still under
consideration.

(c) Whether the Government
of Orissa has been consulted
before the acceptance of
the proposal?

(c) The Government of
Orissa is being
consulted at every
stage.

On 9-1-1953 Shri Amiya Nath Bose, nephew of the late Shri Subash Chandra Bose, wrote to H.P.M. that his ancestral house at Cuttack, where Shri Subash was borne, should be maintained as a national property. There are some outhouses and a fairly large plot of vacant land adjoining the main building. Shri A.N. Bose desires to separate the plot of land and the outhouses from the main building and make the deed of gift in respect of the main building only. He desires to sell the land and the outhouses to meet some of his father's outstanding liabilities. The matter was referred by H.P.M. to the Governor and Chief Minister of Orissa. Shri S. Fazl Ali, the Governor of Orissa, intimated that some local men have started in a rented house quite close to this building a hospital, known as "Netaji Subas Seva Sadan" which so far depends almost wholly on public charity. At present it is run on a very modest scale, but it has already become quite popular. The Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan Trust Board contemplate to shift the hospital to the Birth Place Building of Shri Subhas, and to convert it into a modern hospital. If that scheme has to materialise, the plot of vacant land adjoining the main building will also have to be acquired. The question of funds for running the hospital on an ambitious scale, as contemplated by the Trust also comes in. Shri Amiya Nath Bose has been advised by H.P.M. to consider the matter carefully and to get in touch with Shri S. Fazl Ali.

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New Delhi,
February 28, 1953.

My dear Anil,

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I received the two letters you sent me. I am taking some steps about your sister-in-law.

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As regards the other letter, I am returning it. I have mentioned the matter to Mahavir Tyagi. You should see him. In any event, any action should be postponed. There will be no difficulty about this.

Sd/- J. Nehru

Shri Anil Kumar Chanda,
Deputy Minister, External Affairs,
4, Sonehri Bagh Road,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Personal

My dear Panditji,

Herewith two letters - one from Calcutta & the other, a copy of a letter to you from Arun's wife.

I shall be obliged if you would kindly send for me, when you have a little time to spare.

Yours sincerely
Anie.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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5, HASTINGS STREET,
CALCUTTA 24th Feby, 1953.

Phone City 3454

My dear Anilbabu,

Somedays ago I wrote to you a letter on an important matter but not having received any reply in acknowledgement, I have a feeling that my office must have misdirected the letter. I am writing to you on the subject again. The matter is confidential and at the same time urgent.

You know the late Sarat Chandra Bose, during the last few years of his life was keeping bad health, suffering off and on from heart attacks which kept him confined to bed and unfit for the practice of his profession. Occasionally he carried on his profession and commanded very high fees. During the period the former Chief Justice Sir Arthur Trevor Harries, when Sri Bose appeared before him would show the utmost concern for his health and would insist on his arguing cases sitting. Whatever he earned during this period he spent in meeting liabilities incurred previously during the period of his detention and the two trips to Europe undertaken for his health. As a result when he died he did not leave anything for his family and on the contrary he left a legacy of debts incurred during his lifetime including those incurred during the marriage of his third daughter. Just before his death he was expecting to be able to resume practice and earn to wipe off the debts but - - - Providence willed otherwise. To meet some of the pressing liabilities Mrs. Bose and the sons had to mortgage their residential house for about Rs.50,000/-.

When Sri Bose died demands for income tax for three years 1947-48, 1949-50 and 1950-51 ~~2~~ totally Rs.48,968-3-0 remained unpaid as follows:-

1947-48 ... Net demand ...	Rs.11,583- 5-0
1949-50 ... do ...	Rs.23,080-13-0
1950-51 ... do ...	Rs. 9,304- 6-0

Total Rs.48,968- 8-0

I was told by Mrs. Bose that certificate proceedings have been taken by the Income Tax authorities to realise the demands. It is apprehended that it will be done by attachment and sale of the residential house, which is already subject to the mortgage. The family has no means to meet the demands or any portion of it. They are carrying on with great financial difficulty. You know the eldest son Asoke is without employment for a long time. The second son Amiya is a Barrister. You know what hard times lie ahead of a junior legal practitioner to build up a decent - - practice. The third son Sisir is serving in the Medical College with a small allowance. The fourth son, a mere boy in his teens, is going about trying to secure a job as an apprentice in some workshop seeking to relieve the distress of the family. The youngest daughter who has just passed the M.A. Examination creditably has yet to be married which you know is an expensive affair these days. I do not know how it is going to be managed, nor do they themselves know it.

I have gone into so much details confidentially to you to give you a true picture. If the residential house

is now sold or any steps taken for the realisation of the demands from the members of the family, it will mean utter ruin and one does not know how they will all live being thrown out in the streets, so to say. Of late this has been worrying me day and night.

Naturally I think of you in this difficulty. I would - - suggest your approaching Pandit Nehru when you can find it convenient to do so and place the matter before him. He knows some the difficulty of the family. His kind sympathies are with the members of the family and he will intervene as far as possible to allow the demand to be written off. In consideration of the sacrifices and services of late Sarat Chandra Bose for and to the Country, the nation can be generous to the members of his family and Panditji represents the Nation. Panditji knew me years ago when I was acting as the Secretary, Subhas Congress Fund and was taking active part in the affairs of the Congress, but it would be too much for me to expect that he would still remember me. Hence I am not addressing him direct and am seeking your assistance in the matter.

I would also like you to approach Sri Desmukh and ask his intervention. He is in charge of the Department concerned. You know best how to manage the matter and help the family out of its difficulties. The members of the family are, naturally, living in a very depressed state of mind and do not know what to do.

Hope you and Mrs. Chanda are doing well.

With hearty good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Nripendra Chandra Mitra.

Sri Anil Kumar Chanda,
Deputy Minister - External Affairs,
4, Sonaribagh,
NEW DELHI.

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1. Assessment for 1947-48 under Section 23(3)/24B of the Indian Income-tax Act 1922.

Name of assessee - Sri A.N. Bose,
Successor to Late Sarat Ch. Bose,
District III(I) Calcutta.

Number in General Index Register 786/A

Net Demand Rs. 11583/5/-

2. Assessment for 1949-50.
Net Demand Rs. 23080/13/-

3. Assessment for 1950-51
Net Demand Rs. 9304/6/-.

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Would the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply please refer to their U.O.No.971-W1/53, dated the 5th February 1953, about Starred Question No.1834 by Shri Sanganna for the House of the People?

2. In a communication dated the 9th January, 1953, Shri Amiya Nath Bose, a nephew of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, proposed that his ancestral house in Cuttack, where Shri Bose was born, should be maintained as a national property. The matter was taken up with the Governor and the Chief Minister of Orissa, and it transpired that some sort of a small hospital called the "Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan" was being run by certain people very close to this house and that these people intended to shift there. As the matter needed consideration, Shri Amiya Nath Bose was asked to get in touch with the Governor and to discuss the matter with him. A copy of the correspondence is placed below.

MLB
(M.L. BAZAZ)
Asstt. Private Secy.

Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply, New Delhi. (Shri A.K. Sen)
P.M's Sectt. U.O.No. D/S - 14/8 dt. 7.2.53.

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Ministry of W.H.&SS. No. I (Receipt)

We have not received any proposal to gift away Netaji's Birth Place Building at Cuttack to the Government of India. The Prime Minister's Secretariat may, however, see and be asked kindly to let us know whether any such proposal has been received, by them. (The proposal for the gift of "Southwood", Mussoorie, to the Nation was originally received in the Prime Minister's Secretariat). A copy of the p.u.c. and this note may be sent to the Prime Minister's Secretariat and they may be requested to let ^{us} have their reply by 7-2-1953 positively,

Attested.

R.C.M.
5.2.53Sh.Pd.
5.2.53sd/- A.K. Sen.
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Section Officer.

Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri H. L. Bhatnagar)
Ministry of W.H.&S. U.O. No. 777 - W1/53 dt. 5-2-53

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QUESTION FOR THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Starred D. No.

1834

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Notice of admission to be sent out 6.2.53
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Ministry to which the day has been allotted WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY

The question will, if admitted,
be put down for the meeting on the 12.2.53.

SHRI SANGANNA: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal to gift away Netaji's Birth Place Building at Cuttack (Orissa) to the Government of India has been received;
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether the proposal has been accepted; and
- (c) whether the Government of Orissa has been consulted before the acceptance of the proposal?

TEL: PARK 2248

45, 87
1, WOODBURN PARK,
CALCUTTA, 20.

1st February, 1953.

My dear Panditji,

Many thanks for your letter of the 25th January. I beg to be excused if my letter of the 9th January about our ancestral house in Cuttack was not sufficiently clear.

It is our intention to demarcate and separate that portion of the building in which uncle was born from the out-houses and the adjoining land so that it may be preserved permanently as a national museum. This will be possible only if the Government of India takes over this demarcated portion from us as a humble gift. The out-houses and the adjoining land we shall have to sell in order to meet some of father's outstanding liabilities. It is not ^{our} desire to have any kind of a hospital in that portion of the building in which uncle was born and which includes also my grandfather's rooms.

I am writing to the Governor, Shri Saiyid Fazl Ali, stating the position clearly. As he has seen the property, it will be easy for him to appreciate our intentions about it. If he thinks, however, that a personal discussion is necessary, I shall arrange to meet him.

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I am enclosing herewith a copy of my brother Asoke's letter dated the 17th January to the Secretary of the Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan referred to in your letter. As you will see, they are well aware of our intentions and plans about the property.

We are indeed grateful to you for your personal interest in the matter.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Amiya
(Amiya Nath Bose).

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
New Delhi.

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I am writing to the Governor, Lord Salting and Ali, stating the position clearly. As he has seen the property, it will be easy for him to appreciate our intentions about it. If he thinks, however, that a personal discussion is necessary, I shall arrange to meet him.

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We are indeed grateful to you for your personal interest in the matter.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ajit Nath Bose)
Bibi Jawaharlal Nehru,
New Delhi.



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1 Woodburn Park,
Calcutta 20.

January 17, 1953.

Dr. Sasanka S. Dutt Ray, M.B.B.S.,
General Secretary, Netaji Subhas Deba Sadan Trust Board,
India,
Cuttack - 1.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter No.167/1/53 dated
the 14th instant.

It is correct that we have decided to make a
gift in respect of the building in which Netaji was born.
We have already written to Pandit Nehru to this effect.
But the rest of the property including the entire land
is for sale and can certainly be purchased by you, if
you so desire.

"Jai Hind"

Yours faithfully,

(Asoke N.Bose).

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No. 89-P.M.

New Delhi,
January 25, 1953.

My dear Amiya,

Please refer to your letter of the 9th January about your ancestral house in Cuttack.

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I wrote to the Governor and Chief Minister of Orissa on this subject. The Governor went to see the house. He tells me that close to your house some people have started a kind of a small hospital called the 'Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan'. This is done on a very modest scale, but is quite popular.

I am told that it is the intention of those running the Seva Sadan to shift it to your house. I do not know what your intention is about the matter. All this requires to be carefully thought out. The question of money also comes in, because any kind of a hospital requires considerable funds.

I suggest to you to get in touch with the Governor, Shri Saiyid Fazl Ali. It would, of course, be a good thing if you could meet him and discuss this matter with him on the spot. Pending that you might correspond with him.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Jawaharlal Nehru
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Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
1, Woodburn Park,
Calcutta, 20.
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No. 90-P.M.

New Delhi,
January 25, 1953.

My dear Fazl Ali,

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Thank you for your letter of January 21st about the Bose family house in Cuttack. I have written to Amiya Nath Bose and I enclose a copy of my letter to him.

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/- J. Nehru

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Shri S. Fazl Ali,
Governor of Orissa,
Raj Bhavan,
Cuttack.

Please put this up with
Shri Amiya Bose's letter
(Dover) J. H. 23/1

RAJ BHAVAN
CUTTACK

The 21st January, 1953.

My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th January. The Chief Minister being away, I went with the Finance Minister and saw the house about which Amiya Nath Bose has written to you. It is a two-storeyed house and has quite a number of rooms, but the building is old and needs repairs. There are some outhouses within the compound of the main building and some within an enclosure connected with the main building by means of a door. There is also a plot of land behind the house. I do not know whether Bose wishes to retain both sets of outhouses or only those within the enclosure adjoining the main building.

I think I ought to mention that some local men have started in a rented house quite close to this building a kind of hospital known as 'Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan' which so far depends almost wholly on public charity. At present it is run on a very modest scale, but it has already become quite popular. It was visited by Giri and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and both of them seemed to have liked it. I am sending to you some extracts from a note which was supplied to me at the Seva Sadan, from which you will find that what is in contemplation is to shift the hospital to the building about which Amiya Bose has written to you and to convert it into a modern hospital. If that scheme is to materialise, the plot of vacant land adjoining the main building will also have to be acquired. How the money will be raised and whether those who are sponsoring the scheme will be able to run it on the ambitious scale outlined in the enclosed note is a matter to be investigated. I should have liked to talk to Amiya Bose to get further details about his proposal, but he lives in Calcutta and I do not know whom to approach in his absence.

If you want any further information I shall be very glad to supply it on hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
S. Fazl Ali

(S. Fazl Ali)

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
NEW DELHI.



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HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION AND ITS PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

Netaji Jayanti Celebration Committee, Orissa, in its deliberation held on 18.1.1952 at the residence of the present Organising Secretary of the Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan Trust Board, India, came to the conclusion that it is desirable to formulate ways and means to preserve Netaji's Birth Place JANAKINATH BHABAN at Oriya Bazar, Cuttack. During discussion the Organising Secretary produced the copy of the letter dated 14.12.51 addressed to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, requesting him to help in this noble matter.

The formation of a registered body was felt necessary. The original idea was to have a permanent institution in the name of Netaji, with a view to train people to build their lives after the ideal of Netaji for the benefit of the Country as a whole.

The matter came in the form of a proposal on 23rd January, 1952, at the time of Celebration of Netaji Jayanti, 1952. Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab at the suggestion of Sm. Basantamanjari Devi, (now, Deputy Minister, Health), Orissa, approved the idea of having a nonpolitical institution like Chitaranjan Seva Sadan at Calcutta. The Netaji Jayanti Committee, Orissa, accepted the proposal and Dr. H. K. Mahatab, fully assured the members to do all his best for securing the State help for the acquisition of the property from the present proprietors. Dr. H. K. Mahatab also took the entire responsibility to negotiate and settle with the proprietors and payment of the value of the property.

The Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan Trust Board, India, Cuttack, was registered on 5.9.1952, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Section 2 of XXI of 1860, Central).

The Trust Board for various reasons could not begin its work at once, the main and primary one being want of accommodation. After much difficulty, when the present hired building was found completed and was available it started its work from 1st September, 1952. Sri Radhanath Rath, Minister, Finance and Education, was kind enough to accept the request of the Trust Board and declare the out door section open on 15th August, 1952. The Trust Board so far has been able to secure the active help and sympathy of the Members of the Cabinet of the Government of Orissa and the Chief Minister Sri Nabakrushna Chaudhury and his worthy Colleagues have always been kind enough to extend their helping hands to this institution.

So far Netaji Subhas Seva Sadan, India, Cuttack, has been able to treat 9,427 patients. It started its function with one patient, who happens to be an intimate friend of Late Janakinath Bose and his family - Sri Jagamohan Chakrabarty a member of the local bar. The following list will show the details regarding treatment.

Dr. P. C. Roy, the eminent Gynecologist and the retired professor of Midwifery and Gynecology, Orissa Medical College, Cuttack, with his Colleagues and friends (all private practitioners) have gladly volunteered their valuable service. We have got specialists in all branches.

For the present we have divided the outdoor section into two parts viz. female and children branch and general male section. In the female branch we have appointed a female guide or conductor, who accompanies and conducts the female patients to the doctors for their medical examination and necessary prescription. After prescription is made the guide gets the medicines from the dispensing section and handover the same to the persons concerned.

So far we have been able to depend on the public charity. This is the only type of institution where so many eminent doctors and social leaders and workers are rendering their services free and where medicines ~~is~~ given free to all. We have also opened the Laboratory section for the benefit of the public. A nominal fee of Rs.2/- is charged and the said amount is spent for the purchase of medicines for distribution, and poors are free. Dr. J. N. Das (the eye specialist) has donated a microscope to the institution.

OUR DIFFICULTIES

The present building has been taken on a monthly rent of Rs.125/-; for want of accommodation we have confined our activities to the out door section only. The other different branches could not be opened as yet. 3 days in a week have been provided for Gynecological Section and 2 days for eyes Section. Although we have provided 2 emergency beds for the maternity section, we still feel handicapped.

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We are thankful that the Minister of Law, Health, and Developement, Orissa, Sri Dinabandhu Sahu, is now doing everything to shift the institution to Netaji's birth place before the birth day of Netaji Sri Subhas Chandra Bose, i.e., January, 23rd, 1953.

We expect to open the indoor section on 23rd January, 53 at the birth place of Netaji. We want to provide for the present in the existing building where Netaji was born at least 20 beds, (maternity and one labour room). Our future idea is to have at least 250 beds with a provision for further expansion according to the need.

After opening of the Medical College inside this City, the General Hospital is not in a position to accommodate the needs of the people. There is no District Headquarters Hospital in this City. We feel that if we get ample scope, opportunity and sympathy and help we can exert ourselves to the extreme to serve the people not only of this City but to the Humanity at large.

We may mention here that patients from long distance are coming for their treatment because of its popularity and because there are so many efficient and widely experienced doctors, who have volunteered their service.

Although our target is more than two Crores and ten lakhs of rupees, still for the present we have confined our attention for collection of a sum of Rs.10,00000/-. It is the idea of the Director of the

Seva Sadan Dr. P. C. Roy, to have an efficient Hospital of the American Type. Our further aim is not only to treat the patients but also to give training to a large number of old women to render first aid to children and also to help in the maternity affairs throughout the Country.

So far in the shape of subscriptions, donations from the Minister, and the public we have received about a sum of Rupees twelve thousand (Rs.12,000/-) both in cash and in the shape of instruments and apparatus and medicines. Dr. P. C. Roy, has donated medical apparatus to the Institution. Amongst the patients the female number is about 50%. In the meantime we have applied to the Government of India for securing approval under section 15B of the Indian Income Tax Act, which, when done, we believe that we can surely get response from the generous public.

Inspite of our various difficulties and financial handicaps, we firmly believe, that by the grace of God and sympathy of Philanthropic persons and the State, our noble mission for the cause of suffering Humanity after the immortal name of the great patriot of India will achieve great success.

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New Delhi,
January 12, 1953.

My dear Fazl Ali,

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I enclose a copy of a letter from
Amiya Nath Bose and my reply to him. This
is about the house where Subhas Chandra Bose
was born. I have written to your Chief
Minister about it also. I should like you
to have the place examined and suggest what
we can do about it.

Yours sincerely,

54 J. Nehru

Shri Saiyid Fazl Ali,
Governor of Orissa,
Raj Bhavan,
Cuttack.

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3A
New Delhi,
January 12, 1953.

✓ 2A
My dear Nabakrushna,

I enclose a copy of a letter from
Amiya Nath Bose and my reply. Will you
please see this house and tell me what we
can do with it?

Yours sincerely,

BB- J. Nehru

Shri Nabakrushna Chaudhuri,
Chief Minister of Orissa,
Cuttack.

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2-A
New Delhi,
January 12, 1953.

My dear Aniya,

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Thank you for your letter of the 9th January. I think it is a very good idea of your family to offer this House to the nation. I am writing to the Chief Minister of Orissa about this.

I shall ask him to inspect the place and let me know what further steps might have to be taken. Some arrangement will have to be thought of about the maintenance of the house.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Jawaharlal Nehru.

Sd/- J. Nehru

Shri Aniya Nath Bose,
1 Woodburn Park,
Calcutta, 20.

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TEL: PARK 2248

1, WOODBURN PARK,
CALCUTTA, 20.

9th January, 1953.

My dear Panditji,

I believe you are aware that my uncle was born at our ancestral house in Cuttack. The house belonged to our grandfather, the late Janaki Nath Bose. After our grandfather's death, there was an amicable partition between father and his brothers and the house in Cuttack, where uncle was born, was allotted to father. The house, therefore, now belongs to us.

It is our desire that the house, where uncle was born including the room in which his birth took place, should be maintained as a national property. If the Government of India would agree to take over the house, we would be glad to execute the necessary deed of gift.

There are some outhouses and a fairly large plot of vacant land adjoining the main building. We would like to separate the plot of land and the outhouses from the main building and make the deed of gift in respect of the main building only. We would have to sell the land and the outhouses to meet some of father's outstanding liabilities. 11

We hope there will be no difficulty for the Government of India in taking over the house. We shall be thankful if you will please appoint someone to discuss further details with us and complete the necessary arrangements.

I hope you are keeping well.

With regards,

Seen
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Yours sincerely,
Amiya
(AMIYA NATH BOSE).

1. Woodsburn Park,
Calcutta 20.

1. Park Road

21st January, 1953.

My dear Panditji,

I believe you are aware that my uncle was born at our ancestral house in Outback. The house belonged to our grandfather, the late Janki Nath Bose. After our grandfather's death, there was an amicable partition between father and his brothers and the house in Outback, where uncle was born, was allotted to father. The house, therefore, now belongs to us.

It is our desire that the house, where uncle was born including the garden in which the garden tank place, should be maintained as a national property. If the Government of India would agree to take over the house, we would be glad to execute the necessary deed of gift.

There are some outpouses and a fairly large plot of vacant land adjoining the main building. We would like to separate the plot of land and the outpouses from the main building and make the deed of gift in respect of the main building only. We would have to sell the land and the outpouses to meet some of father's outstanding liabilities.

These things will be no difficulty for the Government in taking over the house. We shall be glad to appoint someone to discuss further the necessary arrangements.

I hope you are keeping well.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Chandrabhaga
(M. V. Nath Bose)

Chandrabhaga Nath Bose,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

